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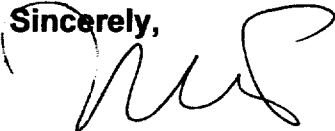
Dear Mr. Jaffe,

I am hereby expressing my support to the petition to ban the forced molting of layer hens (docket 98P-0203/CP.)

Research shows that forced molting is a major cause of salmonella poisoning in eggs. The stressful condition weaken the birds' immune systems so badly that they become prone to disease, bone breakage and salmonella infections. The result is sick birds and contaminated eggs.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

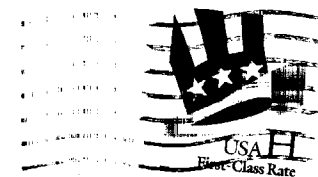
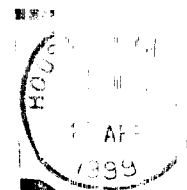


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